

**IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE (FCC), LARGE GROUP
AND SCHOOL AGE (LGSA) AND SMALL GROUP AND SCHOOL AGE (SGSA) CHILD CARE
PROGRAMS**

Regulations of the Department of Early Education and Care

606 CMR 7.00: Standards For The Licensure Or Approval Of Family Child Care; Small Group
And School Age; and Large Group And School Age Child Care Programs

Section 606 CMR 7.04(7), Children's Records:

606 CMR 7.04(7): "The licensee must maintain an individual written record for each child that includes:

- (a) Information required at admission:
 - 13. medical records including:
 - a. a physician's, nurse practitioner's, or physician assistant's certification that the child has been successfully immunized in accordance with the current Department of Public Health's recommended schedules...
- (b) Ongoing records, including:
 - 1. documentation of annual physical examinations, updated immunizations and lead screenings..."

Section 606 CMR 7.04(8), Children's Records Exceptions:

606 CMR 7.04(8): "Notwithstanding the provisions of 606 CMR 7.04(7)(a)13 and 606 CMR 7.04(7)(b)1:

- (a) No child shall be required to have any such immunization if his or her parent(s) objects thereto, in writing, on the grounds that it conflicts with their sincere religious beliefs or if the child's physician, nurse educator, or physician assistant submits documentation that such a procedure is contraindicated.
- (b) For school age children, the licensee may accept either:
 - 1. A written parental statement that the required information is on file with the child's school; or
 - 2. Copies of the child's immunization, physical examination and lead screening results."

Regulatory Authority: M.G.L. c. 15D, as amended, 1/22/10.

Note:

Please refer to the *Child Care or Preschool Immunization Requirements Summary* and the *Recommended Immunization Schedule 2014*.

INTERPRETATION

- 1. You are required to keep an immunization record on file for each child enrolled in your program.
- 2. This record must contain the complete date (preferably month, day and year, but at a minimum, month and year) of each immunization and be signed by the child's health care provider.
- 3. Immunizations must be up-to-date for each child according to the enclosed MDPH document, *Recommended Immunization Schedule 2014*.
- 4. A history of serologic proof of immunity will be accepted in lieu of immunization for measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B and varicella. In the case of varicella, a physician-certificate of parental history or physician diagnosis is also accepted.

5. No unimmunized or partially immunized child shall be admitted to, or allowed to remain in, your program unless they can satisfy these requirements:
 - a. A medical exemption is allowed if a health care provider submits written documentation that an immunization is medically contraindicated; or
 - b. A religious exemption is allowed if a parent submits a signed statement that immunizations are contrary to their sincere religious beliefs.
6. The only other exception is for unimmunized or partially immunized homeless children, who cannot be excluded from school (or early education and care programs) per the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001.